

second and third passive electrical components were connected in parallel (noting the parallel connection language in claim 11, lines 6-9) so that a proper antecedent basis already exists for the phrase "said parallel connection", applicant amends claims 1 and 11 to even further expressly recite the structural relationship between the first, second and third passive electrical components. As a result, applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection to claims 11-15 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, is overcome.

Claims 12-15 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, fourth paragraph, for allegedly failing to further limit the subject matter of the previous claim. In response thereto, applicant respectfully submits the following.

According to 35 USC §112, fourth paragraph, dependent claims may reference a previous claim and specify "a further limitation of the subject matter claimed." In the present case, claim 11 (as amended in Amendment B) properly and expressly recites a "means for connecting the nonlinear load to said parallel connection of said first, said second and said third passive electrical components" (claim 11, lines 12-13). This connecting means certainly is an element of the invention claimed in claim 11 and thus is part of the subject matter thereof. Further, claims 12-15 merely further limit this connecting means by defining the connecting means as comprising an equipment rack panel member (claim 12), an electrical socket (claims 13 and 15), etc. Because claims 12-15 merely further limit the subject matter (the connecting means) expressly recited in claim 11, applicant respectfully submits that claims 12-15 clearly fully comply with 35 USC §112, fourth paragraph, and respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection thereto be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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